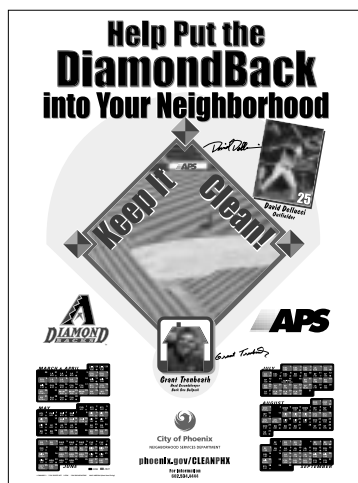


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Help keep your neighborhood clean



Worried about how your neighborhood looks?

Then join the city, the Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Public Service Co. in a new citywide educational effort to encourage residents to maintain their properties and their neighborhoods in good condition.

The "Help Put the DiamondBack into Your Neighborhood – Keep It Clean!" effort is aimed at reinforcing the city's ongoing efforts to eliminate deterioration in neighborhoods throughout the city.

The effort includes 24" x 36" colorful posters that feature photographs of Diamondbacks outfielder David Dellucci, and Grant Trenbeath, head

groundskeeper at Bank One Ballpark where the baseball team plays.

The posters, which were printed by APS, are available at City Hall, fourth floor, 200 W. Washington St.

The city's Neighborhood Services Department, which is spearheading the effort, also has a special Web site, phoenix.gov/CLEANPHX, and telephone number, 602-534-4444, where additional information can be obtained.

The Web site includes information on a number of free city programs and services available to residents and neighborhood and community groups to help improve and maintain their properties. They include a graffiti removal program, tool lending program, removal of illegal signs in the right-of-way and workshops on preserving and improving neighborhoods.

The information and posters are available in English and Spanish.

Last year the city reviewed more than 32,000 blight-related cases, ranging from junk and litter strewn on lawns to open vacant buildings to fences in disrepair.

Did you know?

- More than 20 free workshops are offered by the city throughout the year to help residents improve their neighborhoods. Classes include understanding landlord/ tenant rights, how to conduct effective neighborhood meetings, graffiti busters paint sprayer training and how to create a neighborhood newsletter.
- More than 900 neighborhood associations and groups are registered with the city.
- Neighborhood and community groups can borrow for free tools and equipment to clean up their neighborhoods, including weed eaters, paint rollers, brushes, buckets, ladders, gloves and shovels.
- Last fiscal year the city removed graffiti from more than 26,000 sites and more than 12,000 illegal signs from the right-of-way.
- The eight most common neighborhood property concerns are vegetation, inoperable vehicles, open/vacant buildings, junk and litter, outside storage, fences in disrepair, parking and graffiti.
- You can report individuals who vandalize Phoenix neighborhoods by calling the Graffiti Reward program at 602-262-7327 and receive a reward of up to \$250.

It's time to conserve



**WATER
USE IT
WISELY**

Phoenix is in the fifth year of drought.

Although rain fell earlier in the year in the Valley and snow fell on the watersheds that feed the rivers from which Phoenix receives most of its water, it was not enough to ease the long-term situation. Instead, it simply bought the community a little time.

That makes water conservation even more important.

The city is doing its part. It has purchased and stored additional water and is requiring city departments

to reduce water usage by at least 5 percent. These actions have helped the city avoid mandatory restrictions similar to those seen in some Western cities that also are experiencing drought.

Meantime, all city water customers – industrial, commercial and residential – are being asked to voluntarily decrease water use by 5 percent. The call for the reduction is the first stage of a Drought Management Plan that includes mandatory restrictions, penalties and surcharges.

Residents and other water users can help by reviewing how they use water and looking for ways to conserve. For a list of suggestions, visit www.wateruseitwisely.com/

100tips.html.

If everyone takes part, the city might be able to hold off implementing subsequent stages of the management plan.

The second stage raises the voluntary cutback level to 10 percent, while the third stage imposes mandatory restrictions on lawn watering, possible curtailment of water for water features and construction purposes and a possible surcharge on water bills.

The final stage adds a mandatory 20 percent decrease in water use, bans on new landscaping and the filling of pools, a possible halt of new service connections and the possible termination of service for repeated misuse of water.

School donations earn tax credit

Phoenix schools continue to struggle with tight budgets.

You can help them and get a tax break at the same time.

State law allows Arizona taxpayers to contribute money to local schools by Dec. 31 and take the amount off their state income taxes.

Couples filing jointly may donate up to \$250 and single filers may contribute up to \$200. Taxpayers may name up to three schools to receive their donations and also specify certain programs that they want their money to support.

The city's Youth and Education Programs Office suggests residents contact their local schools to learn more about the program.



BOPA collection Sept. 18 - 20

Phoenix residents can dispose of household hazardous waste and other items at BOPA collection events 7 a.m. to noon Sept. 18 – 20 at the Ahwatukee Recreation Center, 5001 E. Cheyenne Drive, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16 – 18 at Paradise Valley Park, 17642 N. 40th St.

In addition to batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze, the event will accept five road tires per resident, computers and household appliances, including refrigerators, stoves, evaporative coolers, air conditioners,



washers, dryers and water heaters.

Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances and computers at your home for a \$10 fee. Call for a collection appointment.

For more information, call 602-262-7251, send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/GARBAGE. To find other locations near you, call Earth's 911 at 1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687) or visit its Web site at 1800CLEANUP.org.

History comes alive at Arizona Falls

Phoenix residents have the opportunity to revisit history with the opening of the WaterWorks at Arizona Falls project on the Arizona Canal.

Named for an elevation drop on the canal near 56th Street and Indian School Road, Arizona Falls has been transformed into a space that will allow visitors to enjoy the canal system while reintroducing hydroelectric power.

Managed by the Phoenix Arts Commission in cooperation with Salt River Project, the project combines art, history and technology.

Located at the site of a former hydroelectric power plant, the project reuses



different parts of the grounds and structures in new ways. The floor of the former generator room has become an outdoor room lined with desert stone and surrounded by falling water. On the sides, elevated aqueducts carry release water back into the canal, creating a pair of waterfalls.

A path takes visitors from Herberger Park up the south bank of the canal and directly under the aqueducts. Visitors then cross a landscaped island to a new pedestrian bridge that connects with the north bank.

Using the flowing water of the canal to produce power, Arizona Falls was the site of one of the first hydroelectric plants in Phoenix. It was closed in 1950.

Now, with new and efficient turbines, SRP is reintroducing hydroelectric power to the site with a plant that will generate enough to serve 150 homes a year.

For more information, call 602-262-4637.



National group applauds city streets

Phoenix streets are among the best in the U.S.

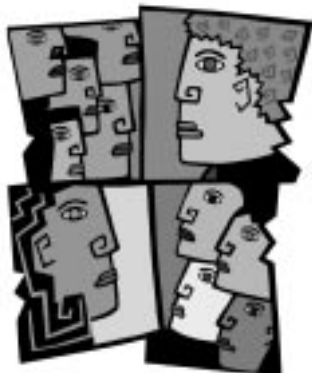
That's according to a recent report by The Road Information Program, a national nonprofit organization that surveyed the best road conditions of the country's 52 most populous metropolitan areas.

Atlanta and Orlando, Fla., were the other cities that received the top ratings by the Washington D.C.-based organization that researches, evaluates and distributes economic and technical data on transportation issues.

This year's report looked at the ride smoothness of

the major roads in metropolitan areas with at least 1 million residents.

The report noted the level of strong commitment by residents, the mayor and the City Council to the continued funding for new streets and the maintenance of existing streets each year.



Diversity series features inside look at Cuba

Eduardo Martinez will discuss experiences of his life in Cuba, "Inside Cuba: A Personal Perspective," at the Faces of Diversity Brown Bag lunch series noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.

Also, city photographer Bob Rink, who took part in the Through Each Others Eyes Cuba Exchange program, will share some of his photos of the country as part of the presentation.

The free series is sponsored by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission and the city's Equal Opportunity Department. For more information, call 602-261-8242.

You can help the homeless

With the temperatures topping 100 degrees regularly, the many people who live on the streets could use your help.

Being collected for distribution to the homeless are unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks and white T-shirts.

You can deliver your tax-deductible donations to the following Family Services Centers: Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Ave.; John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Ave.; Central Phoenix, 1250 S. Seventh Ave.; Sky Harbor, 1818 S. 16th St.; and Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The program runs through Aug. 31. For more information about the program, call 602-262-4520.

City honors 600 senior volunteers

More than 600 senior citizens have been honored by the city for volunteering at least 30 hours each in the past year at various senior centers.

This year about 1,000 volunteers logged more than 145,300 hours at the city's 17 Human Services Department senior centers, equaling about \$748,300 in services.

Volunteers provide support services for older adults such as greeters, fund raisers, meal servers, office assistants, activities planners and teachers.

For more information about the senior citizen programs, call 602-262-7379 or visit phoenix.gov/CITZASST/srcenter.html.

Watch your children around water

For water safety and drowning prevention information, call the 24-hour water safety hotline at 602-495-5555 or visit phoenix.gov/FIRE/watersafe.html.

Dr. Maureen Jones-Ryan and grandson Robert Ryan III admire the new International Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Memorial at Steele Indian School Park, Third Street and Indian School Road. Dedicated in April, the memorial is in remembrance, honor and recognition of the millions of victims and survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence throughout the world and throughout the centuries.



Are You Recycling Right? Recycling Smart?



The Phoenix residential recycling program accepts

PAPER

PLASTIC

GLASS

ALUMINUM

OTHER

Do you know what **plastic, glass and aluminum** products are recyclable? Include these in your blue recycling barrel.



Plastics

Check bottom of containers for code symbols 1 or 2. These include 2-liter soda bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, and shampoo bottles.



- *No plastic bags, chemical containers, dinnerware, frozen dinner trays*



Foam

Food containers such as meat trays, cups or egg cartons and large packing material with the code symbol 6

- *No packing peanuts*



Glass

Food and beverage containers only [Labels OK]

- *No light bulbs, glassware, ceramics, mirrors or window glass*



Aluminum

Beverage cans, frozen dinner trays, pie plates, foil, food containers

- *Do not crush*

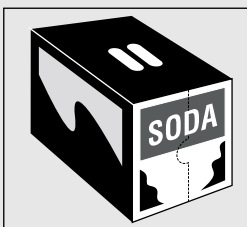
- **All material must be clean, dry and empty**
- **Do not bag, box or tie**

Do **NOT** recycle these items!

- No plastic bags



- No beer or soda carriers



- No detergent or bar soap boxes



For information on all recyclable material, contact

602-262-7251

EMAIL: pwserve@phoenix.gov

WEB SITE: www.phoenix.gov/GARBAGE ■ TTY: 602-253-8796

clip and save



Bilingual volunteers needed

Volunteers – more than 700 of them – are needed to help with the annual Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow Health Fair 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, 225 E. Adams St.

They're needed to assist the families of more than 3,000 children through the process of receiving dental, hearing and vision examinations, physicals, immunizations and TB and blood tests.

Children enrolled in this fall's Head Start program and their siblings receive the medical screenings.

Because more than 70 percent of the families are Spanish speaking, volunteers who are bilingual are urgently needed. Others, however, are welcomed.

Volunteers, who must be at least 17 years old, will need to pre-register, produce a photo ID on site and be available from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They'll receive a T-shirt and lunch.

To sign up, contact the Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow at 602-588-0028 or acthealthfair@cox.net.

Fair employment topic of workshop

Learn about your rights and responsibilities as an employer or employee and a business owner or a consumer at the Fair Employment Workshop.

The free workshop, 6 - 8 p.m. Sept. 25, in the first floor assembly rooms at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., will discuss how employment discrimination is against the law.

Fair employment means that all people have the right to compete for any job for which they qualify and to work in an environment that is free from discrimination in the areas of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, marital status and sexual orientation.

Call 602-262-7486 or 602-534-1557/ TTY to register for the workshop, which is sponsored by the city Equal Opportunity Department.

Surplus auction set for Sept. 13

A variety of surplus materials ranging from furniture to cars will be sold at a city surplus auction Saturday, Sept. 13.

Gates to the city Auction Yard, 2820 S. 22nd Ave., south of Lower Buckeye Road, will open at 6:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 8 a.m. The cashier will remain open until 1:30 p.m. and the gates will close at 3 p.m.

Inspection of the items that will be auctioned will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and Friday, Sept. 12.

For more information, call 602-534-0828.



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